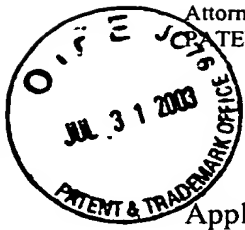


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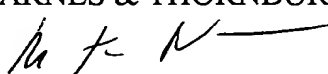
Petitioner, Applicant in the above-identified application, hereby requests that the response to the outstanding Office Action submitted herewith be accepted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). The outstanding Final Office Action was April 8, 2003, the initial period for response expiring July 8, 2003.

Please charge to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Account Number 02-1010 (926500-920966) the appropriate fee of \$110.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17 for a one-month extension.

The requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations having been met, acceptance of the accompanying document is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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